

2007 Census of Agriculture

Goats

United States and Florida

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The 2007 Census of Agriculture, conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of USDA, collected data from all farms and ranches in the United States. The data collected included farm numbers and land in farms, acreage and production, economic data (sales, expenses, etc.), and demographics (age, gender, race of operator, etc.). Data collection was by mail, by telephone interview, or by personal interview. Farmers and ranchers were also given the opportunity to report via the Internet.

The confidentiality of all data collected in the Census of Agriculture is protected by law. Individual reports are combined into summaries at the county, state, and national levels. If publication of a number at any level would result in the disclosure of individual data, the number is suppressed from publication. (In Census tables, this situation is indicated by a 'D' in the table where the number would normally appear.) All Census results are available to the public at no charge.

Results of the 2007 Census of Agriculture

All Goats:

According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, there were 144,466 farms with goats, either for milk or for meat). There were over 3.1 million head of goats on those farms. Those numbers represent an increase of 53,004 farms (or 58%) and 610,063 head (or 24%) from the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Texas was the leading State, with 26,366 farms and 1.14 million head of goats. Texas was also the leading State in 2002, with 17,411 farms with goats and 1.2 million head. Texas showed an increase of 8,955 farms (51%) but a decrease of 54,327 head (5%) from 2002.

Tennessee, California, and Oklahoma all had over 100,000 head of goats in 2007. North Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri, Georgia, Alabama, and Ohio were the remaining States in the top 10 in terms of inventory. The top 10 States and Pennsylvania (ranked 12th) and Florida (ranked 13th) all had over 4,000 farms with goats. All 50 States had more farms with goats in 2007 than in 2002 and all but Texas had a larger inventory of goats.

In Florida, Marion County was the leading county with 390 farms and 3,448 goats. Alachua County had 3,201 goats. There were 11 counties with more than 100 farms and 18 counties with over 1,000 goats.

Angora Goats:

There were 7,215 farms in the United States in 2007 with angora goats with a total inventory of 204,106 goats. That represents an increase from 2002 of 2,140 farms, but a decrease of 96,647 goats. Three States (Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico) accounted for 85% of the nation's angora goats in 2007.

Texas was the leading State with 132,697 goats (65% of the U.S. total). Texas had 125 fewer farms with angora goats in 2007 than in 2002 and 97,240 fewer goats. The only other States with over 10,000 head of angora goats were Arizona (25,996) and New Mexico (14,460).

In Florida, the counties of Pasco, Hernando, and Marion had the vast majority of angora goats.

Milk Goats:

There were 27,481 farms in the United States in 2007 with milk goats with a total inventory of 334,754 goats. That represents an increase from 2002 of 5,092 farms and 43,965 goats. Of the top 10 States, only New York and Ohio had fewer farms with milk goats in 2007. Texas had more farms but fewer goats.

California was the leading State, with 39,198 milk goats, but Texas had the most farms (2,124). There were 9 States with more than 1,000 farms with milk goats in 2007, compared to only 5 States in 2002. There were also 9 States with over 10,000 milk goats in 2007, compared to 6 States in 2002.

In Florida, the leading county was Marion County, with 76 farms and 645 milk goats. There were 9 counties with at least 20 farms and 15 counties with at least 100 goats.

Meat and Other Goats:

There were 123,278 farms in the United States with meat and other goats in 2007 with a total inventory of 2,601,669. ("Other" is used to describe goats kept on the farm to graze pasture land or goats raised and kept for show.) Those numbers represent an increase of 48,298 farms (64%) and 662,745 goats (34%). All 50 States had more farms and more goats in 2007 than in 2002. Nine States had an increase in inventory from 2002 of at least 25,000 head .

Texas was the leading State with 24,751 farms and 987,173 goats. Two other States had over 100,000 goats – Tennessee (124,967) and Oklahoma (117,324). The top 5 States accounted for 54% of all goats in the United States.

In Florida, Alachua County had the largest inventory, with 2,980 goats. Marion County had the most farms (330). There were 10 counties with at least 100 farms and 16 counties with at least 1,000 goats.

Angora Goats - U.S. and by State									
Rank	State	2007				2002			
		Farms With Goats	Goat Inventory	Farms With Sales	Goats Sold	Farms With Goats	Goat Inventory	Farms With Sales	Goats Sold
-	United States	7,215	204,106	1,645	50,017	5,075	300,753	1,662	91,037
1	Texas	783	132,697	336	38,292	908	229,937	536	70,545
2	Arizona	1,551	25,996	254	2,791	53	27,905	25	3,665
3	New Mexico	741	14,460	186	1,991	98	7,059	35	6,409
4	California	262	3,400	78	641	246	4,538	77	1,414
5	Oregon	245	1,750	43	362	257	2,156	72	527
6	Utah	128	1,647	16	252	71	(D)	18	319
7	Virginia	158	1,533	38	382	124	1,164	32	440
8	North Carolina	174	1,418	32	516	161	1,571	41	421
9	Ohio	160	1,361	45	470	253	2,202	76	651
10	Missouri	102	1,334	22	355	154	2,483	47	664
11	Pennsylvania	227	1,298	58	378	161	1,023	40	304
12	Washington	200	1,197	45	294	178	846	26	183
13	Michigan	164	1,058	34	256	145	1,374	28	525
14	Colorado	182	1,007	38	224	150	1,004	49	826
15	Minnesota	103	906	23	271	152	981	48	321
16	New York	152	886	26	146	140	769	25	295
17	Georgia	106	814	19	95	75	318	23	44
18	Kentucky	129	810	31	284	127	817	28	127
19	Wisconsin	179	790	25	123	138	645	34	161
20	Montana	87	784	14	174	89	944	21	309
21	Iowa	78	780	19	81	69	708	26	268
22	Oklahoma	93	744	18	165	132	1,101	39	244
23	Idaho	60	695	18	45	75	403	22	116
24	Nebraska	45	557	13	194	46	973	18	349
25	South Carolina	79	495	18	45	64	358	25	220
26	New Jersey	78	431	22	136	67	277	24	144
27	Massachusetts	76	411	10	34	48	397	11	125
28	West Virginia	86	404	5	39	84	822	19	233
29	Indiana	66	367	19	145	43	198	11	73
30	Maryland	61	346	11	59	50	248	11	80
31	Arkansas	38	318	14	60	37	230	11	52
32	Vermont	37	300	12	97	24	262	8	48
33	Kansas	48	271	7	52	51	625	19	140
34	Maine	81	267	4	23	52	229	6	39
35	North Dakota	12	264	3	(D)	24	(D)	3	(D)
36	Alabama	57	262	13	45	69	647	22	153
37	Tennessee	49	250	4	12	143	482	21	31
38	Louisiana	33	241	8	73	37	236	13	145
39	Florida	54	236	19	144	54	258	24	82
40	Mississippi	34	232	4	14	36	320	3	6
41	Illinois	48	230	3	12	71	365	7	42
42	Connecticut	38	221	5	42	8	(D)	3	(D)
43	New Hampshire	34	203	5	58	33	262	7	24
44	Nevada	14	172	7	61	11	420	8	73
45	Wyoming	39	127	11	18	23	273	10	107
46	South Dakota	20	71	7	30	32	155	8	65
47	Hawaii	14	29	1	(D)	4	26	1	(D)
48	Rhode Island	3	3	-	-	2	(D)	1	(D)
49	Alaska	1	(D)	-	-	3	15	-	-
50	Delaware	6	(D)	2	(D)	3	8	-	-

Milk Goats - Florida, by Counties											
Rank	County	Farms With Goats	Goat Inventory	Farms With Sales	Goats Sold	Rank	County	Farms With Goats	Goat Inventory	Farms With Sales	Goats Sold
1	Marion	76	645	20	115	30	Broward	5	23	4	18
2	Gilchrist	30	271	11	193	31	DeSoto	10	23	3	6
3	Polk	19	254	9	86	32	Charlotte	5	19	1	(D)
4	Palm Beach	18	236	6	98	33	Hamilton	3	15	-	-
5	Lake	25	224	12	107	34	Nassau	5	12	1	(D)
6	Alachua	29	221	6	32	35	Okeechobee	5	11	-	-
7	Hernando	19	209	5	131	36	Baker	1	(D)	1	(D)
8	Putnam	25	205	7	53	37	Clay	11	(D)	11	98
9	Columbia	22	185	9	49	38	Dixie	2	(D)	1	(D)
10	Pasco	33	177	11	64	39	Duval	7	(D)	2	(D)
11	Sumter	17	156	2	(D)	40	Gadsden	4	(D)	-	-
12	Collier	21	153	5	21	41	Gulf	1	(D)	1	(D)
13	Citrus	22	141	7	63	42	Highlands	1	(D)	1	(D)
14	Jackson	8	136	3	24	43	Hillsborough	50	(D)	15	69
15	Bradford	7	104	1	(D)	44	Indian River	5	(D)	-	-
16	Escambia	11	90	6	55	45	Lee	35	(D)	24	269
17	Suwannee	13	73	1	(D)	46	Levy	23	(D)	6	(D)
18	Hendry	6	66	3	24	47	Madison	2	(D)	4	21
19	Bay	6	58	5	19	48	Manatee	2	(D)	2	(D)
20	Holmes	12	53	3	18	49	Miami-Dade	20	(D)	10	128
21	Seminole	9	53	3	24	50	Okaloosa	18	(D)	11	(D)
22	Jefferson	11	51	1	(D)	51	Osceola	7	(D)	-	-
23	Orange	15	51	-	-	52	Pinellas	2	(D)	1	(D)
24	Glades	6	42	-	-	53	St. Johns	1	(D)	1	(D)
25	Brevard	8	41	-	-	54	Sarasota	16	(D)	3	(D)
26	Hardee	4	40	-	-	55	Union	2	(D)	1	(D)
27	Santa Rosa	6	37	2	(D)	56	Volusia	44	(D)	10	136
28	Walton	7	33	3	6	57	Washington	2	(D)	-	-
29	Martin	4	32	-	-	58	Calhoun	-	-	1	(D)

Meat & Other Goats - Florida, by Counties											
Rank	County	Farms With Goats	Goat Inventory	Farms With Sales	Goats Sold	Rank	County	Farms With Goats	Goat Inventory	Farms With Sales	Goats Sold
1	Alachua	168	2,980	50	875	34	Walton	58	602	25	260
2	Marion	330	2,768	125	1,039	35	Citrus	41	504	23	239
3	Volusia	136	1,953	50	855	36	Martin	35	461	24	149
4	Gilchrist	114	1,881	36	588	37	Hamilton	25	446	13	333
5	Hillsborough	154	1,794	90	749	38	Orange	36	406	21	172
6	Columbia	136	1,659	56	795	39	Osceola	16	369	3	122
7	Lee	89	1,635	39	955	40	Hendry	21	368	8	95
8	Lake	144	1,617	53	481	41	Wakulla	20	361	9	89
9	Polk	103	1,599	43	651	42	Calhoun	20	337	10	(D)
10	Hernando	68	1,586	26	627	43	DeSoto	37	325	16	139
11	Suwannee	116	1,562	41	(D)	44	Collier	29	257	13	133
12	Okaloosa	59	1,519	23	761	45	Broward	25	241	4	38
13	Levy	104	1,518	51	672	46	Charlotte	15	236	9	(D)
14	Jackson	89	1,437	38	787	47	Bay	24	233	6	45
15	Clay	57	1,186	37	553	48	Sarasota	25	222	2	(D)
16	Jefferson	76	1,006	18	(D)	49	St. Lucie	24	219	17	104
17	Duval	41	914	25	(D)	50	Hardee	27	191	1	(D)
18	Pasco	74	901	39	486	51	Glades	19	70	1	(D)
19	Okeechobee	27	874	11	303	52	Flagler	4	50	4	26
20	Seminole	33	854	12	40	53	Taylor	5	6	-	-
21	Bradford	70	845	20	(D)	54	Baker	50	(D)	23	(D)
22	Holmes	61	822	28	171	55	Dixie	24	(D)	16	(D)
23	Santa Rosa	55	820	33	(D)	56	Gulf	3	(D)	4	(D)
24	Sumter	79	820	27	396	57	Highlands	38	(D)	15	(D)
25	Brevard	53	782	17	104	58	Indian River	2	(D)	2	(D)
26	Nassau	43	743	12	(D)	59	Liberty	1	(D)	-	-
27	Palm Beach	65	740	36	396	60	Madison	54	(D)	30	339
28	Escambia	51	734	20	444	61	Manatee	41	(D)	7	(D)
29	Leon	46	698	12	91	62	Pinellas	1	(D)	1	(D)
30	Gadsden	36	687	11	147	63	St. Johns	21	(D)	5	(D)
31	Putnam	58	645	15	302	64	Union	27	(D)	18	(D)
32	Lafayette	18	622	10	181	65	Washington	14	(D)	7	101
33	Miami-Dade	53	612	16	282						